



Grand County

Colorado

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COMMISSIONERS Corner

News & Updates from Grand County's
Board of County Commissioners

Richard Cimino | District 1

Merrit Linke | District 2

Randy George | District 3



Photo courtesy County Manager Ed Moyer.

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BOARD BUSINESS

- **Commissioner Cimino** gave an update regarding a conversation he and County Manager had with ZIM Consulting to perform customized and thorough grant research.
- **Commissioners George and Linke** gave an update regarding a recent CDOT Northwest Transportation Planning Region (TPR) meeting, along with a conversation with CDOT regarding their winter road maintenance plan and proposed Bustang stops in Grand County.
- **Commissioner Linke** updated the BOCC on a recent Club 20 Virtual Town Hall: Drought Emergency on the Colorado River, Consequences regarding Big River and Compact Issues. Commissioner Linke will be attending a Colorado River District Lower Basin Tour November 1-4, which also focuses on these matters.
- **Next week's regular BOCC meeting will take place WEDNESDAY, November 9 to accommodate Election Day activity on November 8.**



COMMISSIONERS

CALENDAR

Nov 2-4 | Colorado River District Lower Basin Bus Tour

Nov 3 | CCAT Housing & Fiscal Reform Committees 2023 Legislative Priority Planning Meeting

Nov 4 | Natural Resources Roundtable

Nov 7 | WP Transit Advisory Committee

Nov 10 | Utility Coordinating Committee Meeting (Java Lava)

Nov 10 | NWCCOG Water Quality / Quantity Committee

Nov 14 | Mayors/Managers/Commissioners Meeting (Granby)

Nov 14 | CCAT Natural Resources / Environment & Wildfire, and Transportation Meeting

[Click here to view the BOCC's full calendar.](#)

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Grand County EMS and Grand County Sheriff's Department are competing in a friendly competition with Middle Park Health to stock up our local food bank for the holidays.

OCTOBER 15TH - NOVEMBER 15TH

Find a donation bin for
canned and boxed food in
the Sheriff's Office public
lobby, and at EMS Stations



MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer**

Congratulations to **Alexis Kimbrough**, Grand County's new Director of Emergency Management! Alexis was the County's Public Information Officer (PIO) for our COVID-19 response, and the Emergency Operations Center Manager for the East Troublesome Fire. She has been serving as Interim Emergency Manager since former Emergency Manager Joel Cochran's retirement in August.

Administrative Exchange / Middle Park Water Releases

Yesterday staff submitted 2022 water accounting by call period and diversion location, along with a request to operate an administrative exchange in 2023 to accommodate our Grand County Road & Bridge water trucks being filled from surface water sources and utilizing our 15 acre-feet of Middle Park Water Conservancy District water as replacement for these diversions.

US Fish & Wildlife Service, Wolf EIS Cooperating Agency

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service, Colorado Ecological Services Field Office for development of the Environmental Impact Statement associated with the establishment of an experimental population of northern gray wolves in Colorado was approved as presented by Manager. This allows Grand County to be a Cooperating Agency.

Grand PLACES 2050

A letter of support for Grand PLACES (People-Land-Access-Conservation- Ecosystems) Grant submission for a Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Grant to expand HTA's Ambassador program, and to integrate the current planning processes across the county was approved as presented.

County Road 522

The proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Grand County includes a condition for cultural monitoring. Metcalf Archaeological Consultants is preparing a monitoring plan, to be completed by November 11. At SHPO's request, the monitoring plan will be reviewed and approved prior to the entities approving and executing the MOA. BOCC is supportive of this approach.

Discounted Building Permits for Fire Families

Resolution No. 2021-1-29 gave a flat fee reduction of \$500.00 for new building permits issued to replace structures destroyed in the East Troublesome Fire. BOCC gave direction that, going forward, the \$500 discount on building permits for original property owners who lost structures in the ETF and are rebuilding can be applied for on a case-by-case basis in the spirit of the Resolution.

An engagement letter with Sparks Willson, P.C. to provide legal services in connection with a review of special district service plan submissions and related matters presented by County Attorney **Maxine LaBarre-Krostue** was approved. Said legal review fees will be reimbursed by any proposed special district applicant.

2023 BUDGET | REBUTTALS

Finance Director **Curtis Lange** presented a proposed 2023 Budget Summary to date, which included budget rebuttals from the Sheriff's Office, Road & Bridge, Colorado Sewer Enterprise (Tabernash sewer), Fair Board & Livestock Sale and the Accounting department.

Commissioners approved moving forward with an increase in Colorado Sewer quarterly service fees to pay for one-third of the proposed 2023 Tabernash Meadows water and sanitation district operati and maintenance.

BOCC approved all rebuttals as presented.

The 2023 budget reflects a \$6.4 million deficit: \$7.6 million for capital projects (for which the BOCC has planned and saved) and a \$1.2 million operating budget surplus.



2022 ELECTION

As of October 31, the Clerk has received 2, 692 ballots. Monday was the final day voters could make a change to their record and have a ballot mailed to them.

Ways to Submit Your Ballot:

Drop Boxes

Drop boxes are open - and video surveilled - 24 hours a day. Locations are:

- **Hot Sulphur Springs:** Grand County Administration Building, 308 Byers Avenue
- **Kremmling:** CSU Extension Hall, 210 11th Street
- **Grand Lake:** Grand Lake Town Hall, 1026 Park Avenue
- **Granby:** Granby Town Hall, Zero Jasper Avenue
- **Fraser/Winter Park:** Grand Park Community Recreation Center, 1 Main Street, Fraser

Ballots are retrieved from drop boxes by bi-partisan teams of Election Judges every 24 hours. **The last pick up of ballots from drop boxes will occur at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8.**

Mail

Mailing your ballot is not recommended at this time due to time in transit within the postal system.

In Person

Vote in person at **Voter Service and Polling Centers:**

Grand County Administration Building

308 Byers Avenue, Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451

- Monday through Friday (Oct. 24 – Nov. 7) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, (Oct. 29 & Nov. 5) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 (Election Day) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ELECTION DAY 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.:

Granby Town Hall

Zero Jasper Avenue, Granby, CO 80446

Grand Park Community Recreation Center

1 Main Street, Fraser, CO 80442

If you submit your ballot at a drop box or by mail, BE SURE TO SIGN THE AFFADAVIT ON THE ENVELOPE. All signatures are verified by a team of bi-partisan Election Judges before a ballot is counted.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Accounting

Vouchers and wire payments presented for payment by Finance Director **Curtis Lange** were approved as presented.

Emergency Medical Services

EMS Chief **Robert Good** presented two items:

- The State provided the incorrect Statement of Work form for the CDPHE Emergency Medical and Trauma System Provider Grant; a request for the Chair to sign the correct contract (that was previously approved) outside of meeting was approved.
- Deputy Chief Austin Wingate provided an update regarding the second annual food drive challenge with Middle Park Health to re-stock Mountain Family Center's food pantry shelves ahead of the holidays.

Information Systems

A sales order with web governance platform Monsido to provide web and accessibility scanning services presented by CISO and Director **Thomas Johnson** was approved.

Veteran's Services

Veterans Services Officer **Duane Dailey** provided an update regarding the Veteran's Day breakfast and program to take place Friday, November 11 beginning at 7:40 at Snow Mountain Ranch.

On Monday, January 23, officials from the Veteran's Administration will be visiting Grand County to discuss rural health services for local veterans.

Human Services

Director **Deb Ruttenberg** presented two items:

- An agreement with Invest in Kids for financial support of the Incredible Years program was approved as presented.
- An MOU with Prowers County for Prowers to manage and administer child welfare calls via their Hotline County Connection Center was approved as presented.

Public Health

Director **Abbie Baker** provided a communicable disease update:

- Severe cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are being reported nationwide and Colorado, which is stressing the pediatric healthcare system.
 - RSV's incubation period (time between exposure and illness onset) is 4-6 days. Symptoms include: runny nose, decreased appetite, cough, sneezing, fever, wheezing. In very young infants symptoms can include irritability, decreased activity, and breathing difficulties.
 - Prevention includes: Wash hands, cover sneezes and coughs, disinfect surfaces frequently, and stay home if you or your child is ill.
- Granby Outpatient Program Director **Makena Line** with Mind Springs Health gave an update regarding HB21-1085, Secure Transportation Behavioral Health Crisis which provides financial support for secure transport of individuals experiencing behavioral health crises to Mind Springs' Grand Junction facility. County requirements for licensure of secure transportation service are required by January 1, 2023.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 22-09-12, Amendment to the Zoning Regulations regarding the definition of building height and amending the flood plain regulations to an alternative section in the Building Regulations. | Approved as presented. *(The changes were previously discussed and approved.)*

GREATER SAGE GROUSE

Natural Resources Foreman **Amy Sidener** gave an update regarding the Bureau of Land Management's Greater Sage Grouse planning. *(The BOCC previously approved an MOU with the BLM to be a Cooperating Agency on the sage grouse EIS.)* The agency is drafting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for management of Greater Sage Grouse and sagebrush habitat on BLM lands in 10 western states, which is anticipated to be released for public review in mid-2023.

GC SHERIFF - PAY PLAN

Sheriff Brett Schroetlin previously received BOCC approval to contract with Graves Consulting to conduct a specific law enforcement pay plan assessment. In an effort to recruit and retain law enforcement professionals to serve the Grand County community, Commissioners approved adopting the pay plan as presented.



—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

VETERANS DAY

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GRAND COUNTY VETERANS AND A GUEST ARE INVITED TO A FREE BREAKFAST AT SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SERVICE.

BREAKFAST | 07:40 - 08:45

PROGRAM | 09:00

PEGGY MANN ★ GRANBY ELEMENTARY MINNESINGERS ★
BAG PIPER MARK DANIEL ★ BIG FLAG / GRAND FIRE & EAST GRAND FIRE

SPEAKER: JAY BOWEN, FORMER AMERICAN LEGION, CO STATE COMMANDER